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1. BONN IN REFTTEL ASKED OUR VIEW ON THE NEED FOR ANOTHER TRILATERAL TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES ON OPTION III AMONG THE US UK AND FRG. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST RPT AGAINST SUCH A TRILATERAL. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTTEL OUR VIEWS ON OBTAINING ALLIED AGREEMENT ON OPTION III IN TIME FOR USE IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING ROUND.

2. ANOTHER TRILATERAL WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE A SEEK OR MORE OF LEAD TIME TO SET UP, AND WOULD CUT DEEPLY INTO THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FOR NAC AGREEMENT TIME FOR INTRODUCTION IN THIS NEGOTIATING ROUND. WE BELIEVE FURTHER BILATERAL CONTACT WITH BOTH FRG AND UK IS NECESSARY, PARTICULARLY ON THE
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TACTICAL QUESTIONS OF WHEN TO TELL THE EAST THE ALLIED POSITION ON EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS AND ON FURTHER EQUIPMENT REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD CONSIDER THESE ISSUES SUSCEPTIBLE TO BILATERAL RESOLUTION AS A STEP TOWARD FINAL ALLIED AGREEMENT.

3. WE AGREE FULLY WITH EMBASSY BONN THAT THE FRG IS NOT RPT
NOT STALLING APPROVAL OF OPTION III. FRGS DEEP AND UNDERSTANDABLE
EACUTION ABOUT MBFR IS WELL KNOWN. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD CONSIDER
FRG ROLE IN OPTION III TO BE COOPERATIVE. THERE IS NOW
GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG ON MOST SUBSTANTIBE
ISSUES. THE FRG DELEGATION HAS WORKED EFFECTIVELY WITH US IN
FAVOR OF A NUMBER OF US POSITIONS. OUR DIFFERENCES NOW ARE
MAINLY ON TACTICAL QUESTIONS (ALTHOUGH THESE IMPORTANT TACTICAL
QUESTIONS HAVE OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR SUBSTANCE). STREATOR

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